

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing apolipoprotein-B levels in the vascular system without reducing LDL-cholesterol levels in an individual in need thereof comprising simultaneously administering azithromycin and acetylsalicylic acid to the individual, wherein the individual has hyperlipidemia, and said apolipoprotein-B levels in the vascular system of the individual are reduced without reducing said LDL-cholesterol levels in the individual.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein the total level of cholesterol is reduced in the vascular system of the individual.

Claim 14. (Canceled)

Claim 15. (Canceled)

Claim 16. (Canceled)

Claim 17. (Canceled)

Claim 18. (Canceled)

Claim 19. (Canceled)

Claim 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing apolipoprotein-B levels in the vascular system without reducing LDL-cholesterol levels in an individual in need thereof comprising simultaneously administering azithromycin and acetylsalicylic acid to the individual, wherein the individual has hyperlipidemia; wherein said azithromycin and

said acetylsalicylic acid are administered to the individual in an amount sufficient to reduce apolipoprotein-B levels in the vascular system without reducing LDL-cholesterol levels in said individual

~~A method according to claim according to claim 12 wherein azithromycin and the acetylsalicylic acid are administered simultaneously.~~

Claim 22. (Canceled)

Claims 23-26. (Canceled)

Claim 27. (Canceled)

Claim 28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein the individual does not have an atherosclerotic condition.

Claim 30. (Canceled)

Claim 31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing apolipoprotein-B levels in the vascular system without reducing LDL-cholesterol levels in an individual in need thereof comprising;

simultaneously administering azithromycin and [[asprin]]aspirin to the individual, wherein said azithromycin and said acetylsalicylic acid are administered to the individual in an amount sufficient to reduce apolipoprotein-B levels in the vascular system without reducing LDL-cholesterol levels in said individual; and,

determining levels of apolipoprotein-B and LDL-cholesterol in the vascular system of said individual following said administration,

wherein the individual has hyperlipidemia.

33. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 comprising determining the level of apolipoprotein-B and LDL-cholesterol in the vascular system of said individual following said administration.

34. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 comprising determining the reduction in apolipoprotein-B levels and the lack of reduction in LDL-cholesterol levels in the vascular system of said individual, following said administration.

35. (new) A method according to claim 21 wherein the total level of cholesterol is reduced in the vascular system of the individual.

36. (new) A method according to claim 21 wherein the individual does not have an atherosclerotic condition.

37. (new) A method according to claim 21 comprising determining the level of apolipoprotein-B and LDL-cholesterol in the vascular system of said individual following said administration.

38. (new) A method according to claim 21 comprising determining the reduction in apolipoprotein-B levels and the lack of reduction in LDL-cholesterol levels in the vascular system of said individual, following said administration.